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Sir:

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2. Cited Information

- Copies of the following references are enclosed:
 - Cite Nos. 10, 20, 26, and 33;
 - Copies of the following references can be found in parent Application No. 09/556,056:
 - Cite Nos. 1-5, 7-9, 12, 14, 17-19, 22, 24, and 27-30;
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Respectfully submitted,

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